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DATE

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
2024**

SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE

**Week 2**

**Live-stream: All of our services are now Live-streamed.**

<u>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday	6:00pm	Private Intention <sup>(MTB)</sup>
<u>Sunday 25<sup>h</sup> February</u> Second Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Paul Atkinson <sup>(RIP)</sup> <sup>(SVP)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>
<u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> Lent Feria	7:00pm	<b>Exploration of the Lord's Prayer</b> 'Building God's kingdom in our hearts and homes'
<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> Lent Feria		No Services Today
<u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</u> St David <sup>Feast</sup> Bishop, Patron of Wales	4:30pm 6:15pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<u>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</u> St Chad <sup>Feast</sup> Bishop (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)		No Morning Services
<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u> Third Sunday of Lent	9:30am 5:00pm	Sick in the Parish <sup>(SVP)</sup> <i>Stations of the Cross for Vocations</i>

## Pope Francis

In the season of Lent, let us retreat into the “desert”. May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness.

### The CaFOD Prayer Second Sunday of Lent

**God, by your loving inspiration prompt our parish community to reach out to others, in every way we can, so that no one feels abandoned in their needs, or forgotten and alone..**

### Retiring Collection

This weekend **24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February**, there will be a retiring collection. Please contribute again this year to **CaFOD's Family Fast Day**. Envelopes are in the porch for those wishing to gift aid.

Next weekend **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March** there will be a retiring collection for **Cathedral Maintenance**.

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Kath Parsons** and **Chrissie Everett-Hickson** on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy. May they rest in peace.

**Kath** from Cwmbran was with us on our Pilgrimage to Assisi last year. **Chrissie** is the 21 year old sister of a parishioner

### Lenten Alms

This Lent we will be donating our Lenten Alms to the **West Midlands Air Ambulance**. The collection box for offerings will be situated at the back of church throughout Lent.

### Welcome

This week we welcome **Canon Michael Dolman** who will be celebrating our weekend Masses

## Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for February is:- **For the terminally ill**. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### Sick in the Parish

Pray for the sick in the parish, remembering especially:

**Michael Smith, Marian Mathews, Marie Wilson, Ian Phipps, Sister Ann-Marie, Carol Facer, Oscar Wordsworth, Nichola Woodhall, Paul Corbett, Carmel Fekete, Lynn Stanley, John Green, Roy Allsopp, Janet Chambers, Jo Hawker, Alison Welton, Louise Morgan, Margaret Davis, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Margaret Healy, Juliet Woodhall, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Anna Morgan <sup>née Meehan</sup>, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath Breen, Max Lewis, David & Sheila Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them, that the Lord may grant them His healing and peace.

### Craft & Natter

We meet every **Tuesday** at **11am to 3pm**. Everyone is welcome, so come along and see what we are up to, lots of chat and laughs to be had, plus a little bit of crafting too! More information? Call Christine W on 07900 604902.

## Safeguarding Notice

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mr. Gerry Wintrip. Gerry can be contacted at: [sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

## Items for the Newsletter

For the time being, any items for the Newsletter must be sent to the parish email address: ([smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:smota.aldridge@rcaob.org.uk)), and not to Fr. Craig's own email address. These items must also have been sent before the Friday Morning of the week before you want the item to appear.

## Missio

Please take one of the Missio magazines which are on the table in the porch.  
Thank you

## Journey in Faith

We meet on **Mondays** at **6:30pm** during Term-Time in the Parish Meeting Room. This course is open to all members of the parish who are interested in learning more about the faith, and the teachings of the Church. Coming along to these sessions not only helps us to grow in our faith, but it is also an opportunity to support those who are preparing to be received into the Church this Easter.

## Thank you from the Smith Family

Jim and his family wish to pass their thanks to our friends in the parish for the donation of **£230** collected for MacMillan Nurses at **Peggy Smith's funeral**. Peggy would have been very proud, thank you all.



Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. At the start of the Mass the children will be invited to go out to the Meeting Room for their Liturgy. All children are welcome to come along.

## Children's Liturgy Volunteers

Our Children's Liturgy group meets each week during the Sunday Mass to share and explore the Gospel Reading through prayer, discussion, activities and fun! If you are interested in joining this group as a leader or as a helper please speak to Will B.

## The Lord's Prayer

In a recent newsletter Fr. Craig wrote 'as part of this years preparation Pope Francis has asked us to focus on the Lord's Prayer, the perfect prayer to the Father given to us by Our Lord Himself'. Each Tuesday throughout Lent we will be exploring the depth and beauty of a different aspect of the Lord's Prayer:

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Building God's kingdom in out hearts and homes**

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Our Daily Bread: God's providence and our part in it.

**12<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Forgiving: letting go, healing, restoration.

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Temptation and evil: origins and remedies

**26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Praying the prayer.

**All are welcome – bring a friend! We meet in the Parish Meeting room at 7:00pm for half an hour.**

## Thank You From Walsall Life

**Walsall Life** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the most generous recent second collection of **£449.45**. May God bless you all.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

### Collections:

**Last Weekend's Offertory: £171.85**

**Weekly Standing Orders: £920.00**

**Christmas Crib Collection\*: £854.35**

\* Donated to Friends of the Holy Land

## Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels, please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html> Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

**7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**7pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### **PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> February 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy S & Gerry W
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
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<b>READERS:</b>	Will B & Catherine A
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### **Duties During the Week: 26<sup>TH</sup> February – 2<sup>ND</sup> March 2024**

<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Team B
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<b>FLOWERS:</b>	None required during Lent
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### **PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> March 2024**

<b>6:00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Dawn M
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Brian L
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<b>READERS:</b>	John H & Pat H
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<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
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<b>9:30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Margaret L, Helen A & Elena S
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<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally S
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<b>READERS:</b>	Mark H & Martin B
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<b>COFFEE:</b>	Sarah B, Catherine & Francesca A
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**And finally:-** "When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. No one, however, is permitted to live "on Tabor" while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing... And so, this is the gift of duty for each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus demands our concrete love".

(Pope Benedict XVI)

*May God bless you all, Fr. Craig*